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THE SHADOW



THE SHADOW PLAYS
THE GAME OF DEATH
WHEN HE ENCOUNTERS
THE INSIDIOUS
ELASTO!

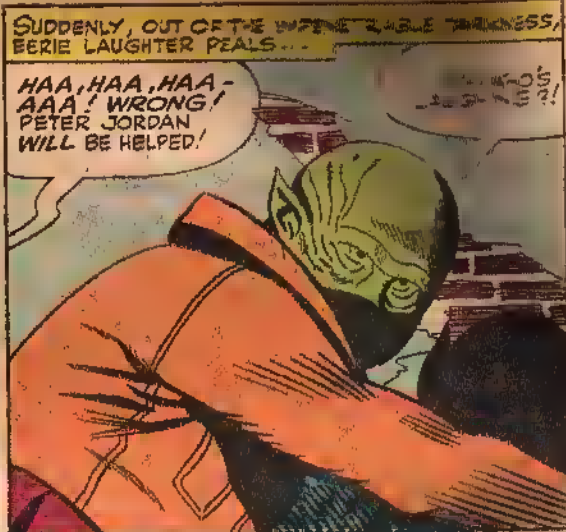
THE SHADOW

VERSUS...RADIATION ROGUE,
DR. DEMON, ATTLA THE HUNTER,
THE INSIDIOUS ELASTO AND THE
DIABOLICAL DIMENSIONOID in
The GAME OF DEATH!



MIDNIGHT IN MANHATTAN!
ON A DESERTED STREET
A GROTESQUE CREATURE
STALKS A YOUNG MAN
WHOSE FEATURES ARE
TRANSFIGURED BY
PANIC! BUT AS THE
INTENDED VICTIM BACKS
FEARFULLY AWAY, A
DYNAMIC, CRUSADING,
COSTUMED FIGURE
HURTTLES DOWNWARD!
EVER ALERT TO COMBAT
THE FORCES OF EVIL,
THE SHADOW
FLASHES TO THE RESCUE
OF THE IMPERILLED
YOUTH!

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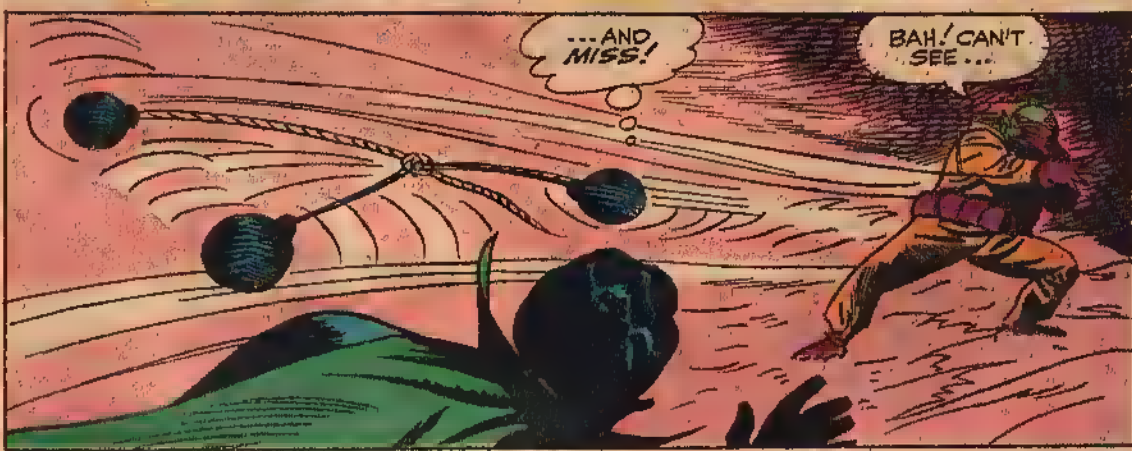




LISTEN TO
IT SINGING
YOUR DEATH
KNELL,
SHADOW!
A SYMPHONY
OF DOOM! I
LOVE IT! BUT
YOU'LL HATE IT
WHEN...



I'VE GOT TO SABOTAGE HIS
AIM, TO AVOID THAT DEADLY
WEAPON! WITH THE MYSTICAL
KNOWLEDGE I GAINED IN THE
ORIENT, I'LL HALLUCINATE A
DAZZLING BRILLIANCE FROM MY
FORM SO MY FOE WILL BE
TEMPORARILY BLINDED...



...AND
MISS!

**BAH! CAN'T
SEE...**

INTENT ON HIS FOE, **THE SHADOW** DOESN'T
OBSERVE A CROOKED SMIRK APPEAR ON THE
FEATURES OF THE WEALTHY YOUNG MAN HE IS
RESCUING...

EVERYTHING'S PROCEEDING
ACCORDING TO PLAN!.



THE GAS-GUN IS SENDING **THE SHADOW**
INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS, INSTANTLY!
YOU CAN UNMASK NOW, MIGUEL!



NOW TO REMOVE THE SHADOW'S MASK, TOO. I'M ITCHIN' WITH CURIOSITY TO LEARN HIS SECRET IDENTITY!



KEEP YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF THAT MASK, MIGUEL, UNLESS YOU WANT TO JOIN YOUR ANCESTORS!



OWWW! OKAY! I FORGOT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. I'LL BEHAVE!

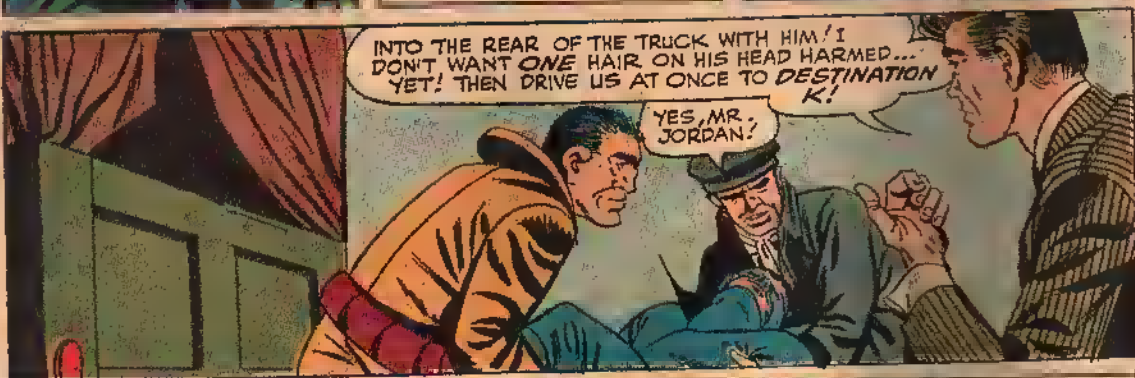
TWEE-EET!

AH, HERE COMES THE TRUCK, RIGHT ON SCHEDULE. I'M PAYING YOU WELL FOR THIS NIGHT'S WORK, MIGUEL. NO SLIP-UPS, OR YOU'LL REGRET IT!

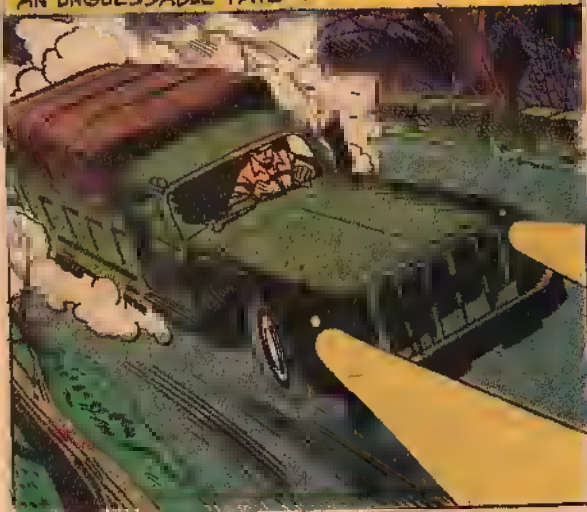


INTO THE REAR OF THE TRUCK WITH HIM! I DON'T WANT ONE HAIR ON HIS HEAD HARMED... YET! THEN DRIVE US AT ONCE TO DESTINATION K!

YES, MR. JORDAN!

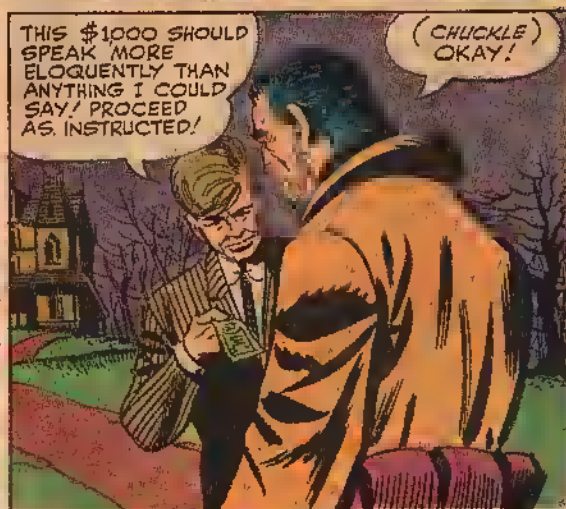
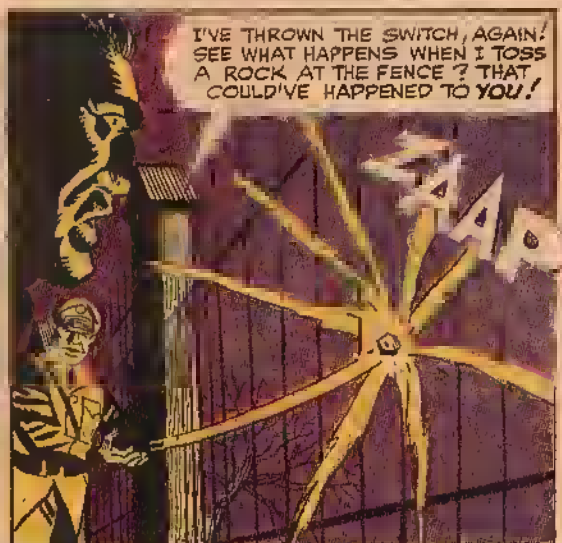
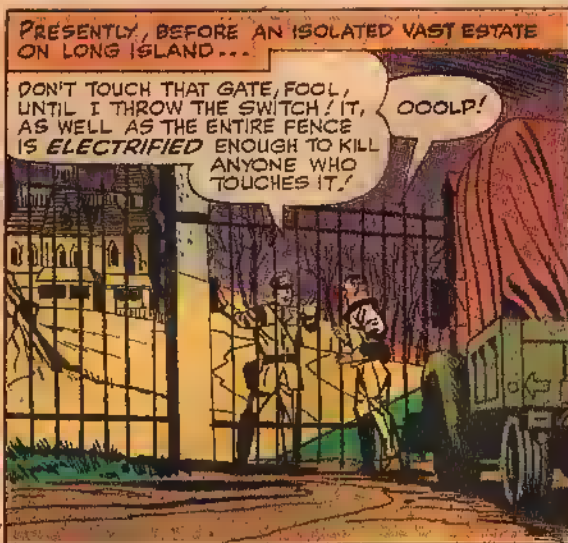


THROUGH THE DARKNESS SPEEDS THE VEHICLE, BEARING THE UNCONSCIOUS AVENGER TOWARD AN UNGUESSABLE FATE...



A MAN LIKE THIS EXISTS BUT ONCE IN AN EON! HOW EXCITING TO THINK THAT SOON HIS EVERY FIBRE WILL BE EXERTED IN THE DEFENSE OF ME, HIS SECRET OPPONENT!





SOON, INSIDE THE MANSION...

GRRR!

DRAT!

HA, HA! YOUR DISPLEASURE IS MOST AMUSING AND COMPLIMENTARY, "GENTLEMEN". YOU... RADIATION ROGUE, DR. DEMON, ATILA THE HUNTER, THE INSIDIOUS ELASTO AND THE DIABOLICAL DIMENSIONOID... HAVE FAILED WHERE I SUCCEEDED! I HAVE THE **SHADOW** IN MY POWER!

THREE OF YOU ARCH-VILLAINS FAILED TO DESTROY **THE SHADOW**, PREVIOUSLY! TWO OF YOU THIRST TO ACHIEVE THAT DISTINCTION AT YOUR FIRST OPPORTUNITY... **NOW!**

IT'S GALLING TO THINK A YOUNG WASTREL CAN...

I'LL...

HANDS OFF **THE SHADOW'S MASK**! I WILL PAY EACH OF YOU \$1,000,000 FOR HAVING COME HERE! BUT REMEMBER! NONE OF YOU IS TO REMOVE **THE SHADOW'S MASK**, UNLESS YOU DEFEAT HIM IN BATTLE! THAT, WE AGREED UPON!

I RENTED THIS ESTATE AND SPENT A FORTUNE ALTERING THE MANSION SO IT WILL SERVE YOUR... ER... PURPOSES! THERE IS NO EXIT, EXCEPT THROUGH THE ELECTRIFIED FENCE! EACH OF YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO KILL **THE SHADOW**... AND ME, TOO... ONCE THE **GAME OF DEATH** BEGINS!

I DON'T GET IT! WHY DO YOU WANT **THE SHADOW** TO TRY TO SAVE YOU FROM US... WITHOUT HIS KNOWING YOU HAVE DELIBERATELY IMPERILLED THE LIVES OF BOTH OF YOU? WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU??

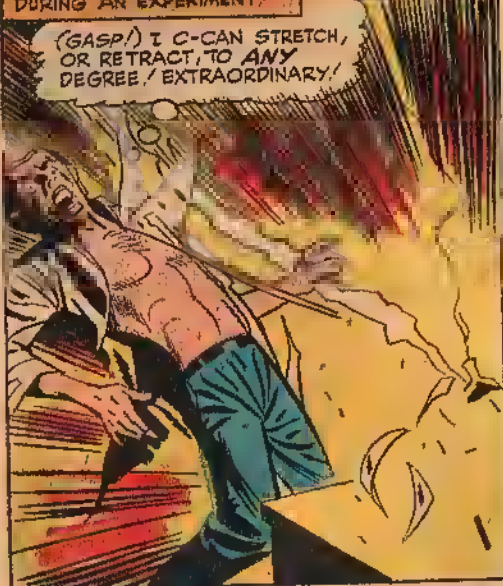
THAT'S MY SECRET!

I WILL SAY THIS, THOUGH! I DOUBT IF YOU'LL DEFEAT HIM!

BEFORE THE **GAME** BEGINS, UNDERSTAND THIS! I, **THE INSIDIOUS ELASTO**, HATE MYSELF!!!

"I GOT THIS STRETCHING ABILITY AS A F.B.I. SCIENTIST, WHEN THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION DURING AN EXPERIMENT."

(GASP!) I CAN STRETCH, OR RETRACT, TO ANY DEGREE! EXTRAORDINARY!



"THAT EXPLOSION AFFECTED ME AMAZINGLY IN ANOTHER MANNER, TOO! IT SPLIT MY PERSONALITY SO THAT, EVEN AS MY EVIL NATURE CAUSES ME TO COMMIT CRIMES, A GLIMMER OF DECENCY WITHIN ME IS REVOLTED AT MY DESPICABLE DEEDS."

(SOB) I REGRET STEALING THESE GEMS!
(SOB)

BUT NOT ENOUGH, NOT TO ROB US, EH? SLOBBERING HYPOCRITE!

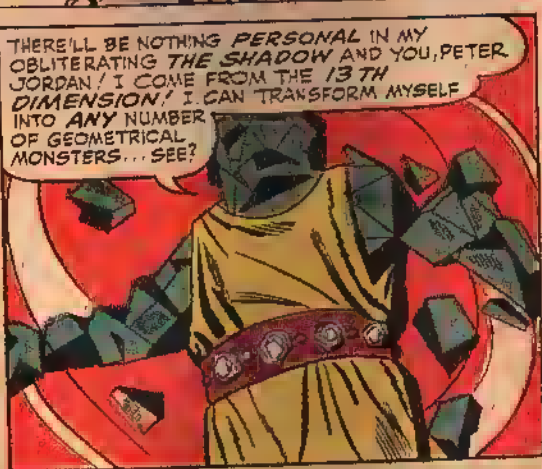


(SOB, SOB) IF I DESTROY YOU, MR. JORDAN, AN OUNCE OF HUMANITY WITHIN ME WILL MOURN MY VICTORY!

DEEPLY TOUCHING, ELASTO! AND YOU, DIABOLICAL DIMENSIONOID... YOU HAVEN'T EXPLAINED YET WHY YOU WANT TO KILL THE SHADOW!

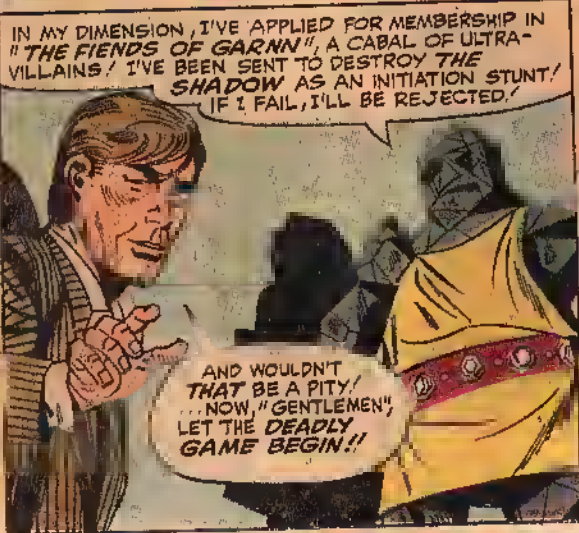


THERE'LL BE NOTHING PERSONAL IN MY OBLITERATING THE SHADOW AND YOU, PETER JORDAN! I COME FROM THE 13TH DIMENSION! I CAN TRANSFORM MYSELF INTO ANY NUMBER OF GEOMETRICAL MONSTERS... SEE?



IN THE DIMENSION, I'VE APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN "THE FIENDS OF GARNN", A CABAL OF ULTRA-VILLAINS! I'VE BEEN SENT TO DESTROY THE SHADOW AS AN INITIATION STUNT! IF I FAIL, I'LL BE REJECTED!

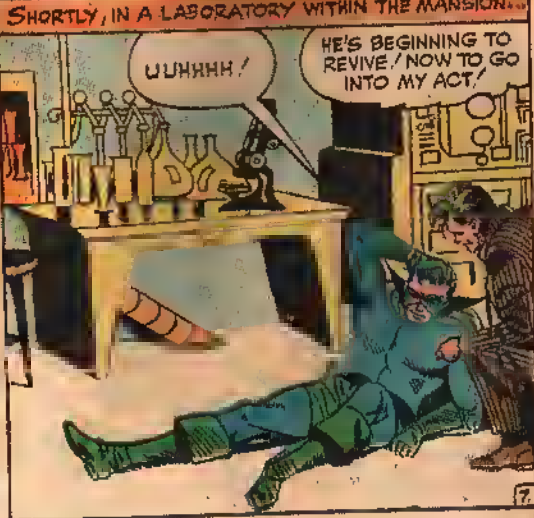
AND WOULDN'T THAT BE A PITY! ...NOW, "GENTLEMEN", LET THE DEADLY GAME BEGIN!!



SHORTLY, IN A LABORATORY WITHIN THE MANSION...

UHHHHH!

HE'S BEGINNING TO REVIVE! NOW TO GO INTO MY ACT!



THE LAST THING I REMEMBER
IS BLACKING OUT IN AN ALLEY!
WHERE ARE WE NOW, PETE?

WE WERE
BROUGHT TO A
MANSION! I
FOUGHT BACK BUT
IT WAS USELESS!
FRANKLY, I'M
S-SCARED!



IT'S A HUGE PAINTING OF A VILLAIN WHO WAS
DESTROYED A LONG TIME AGO WHEN I CLASHED
WITH HIS MASTER, **SHIWAN KHAN**. HE WAS
KNOWN AS **RADIATION ROGUE**.
WITH HIS ASTONISHING POWER OF SUPER-
ATOMIC RADIATION, HE
COULD DESTROY ANY
LIVING THING! THE
WORLD IS LUCKY HE
DOESN'T EXIST ANY
MORE!



HA, HA, HAAA!... **RADIATION
ROGUE** STILL EXISTS,
SHADOW! BUT IN A FEW
MOMENTS, YOU AND
PETER JORDAN
WON'T!!!

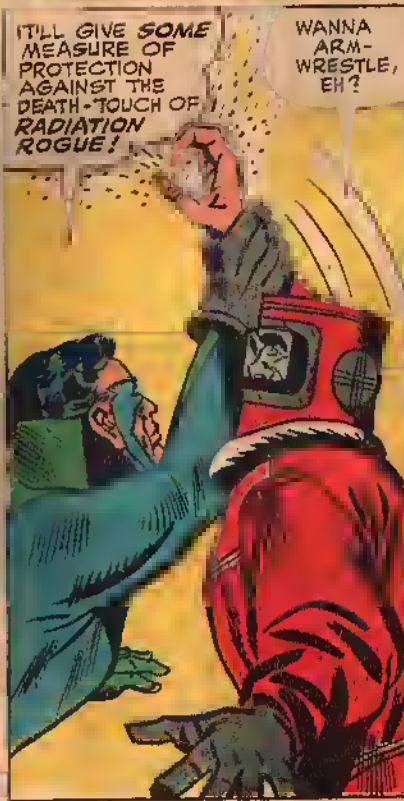
THE MOST DEADLY
VILLAIN ON EARTH...
STILL ALIVE!
IMPOSSIBLE!!!

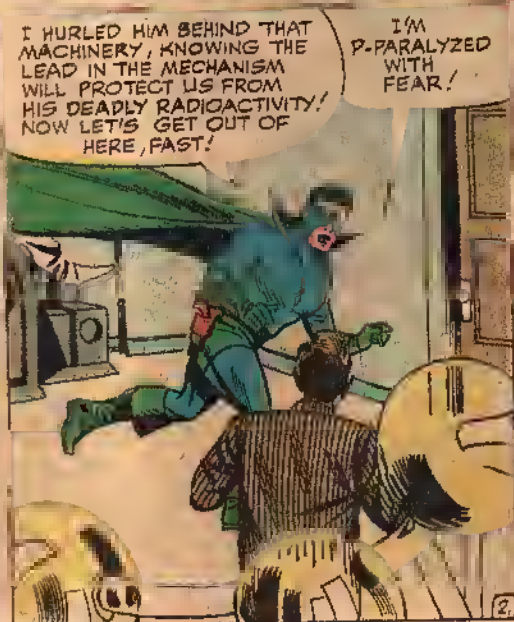
YIII!!
AND
NOW
THE GAME
OF DEATH
TRULY
BEGINS!

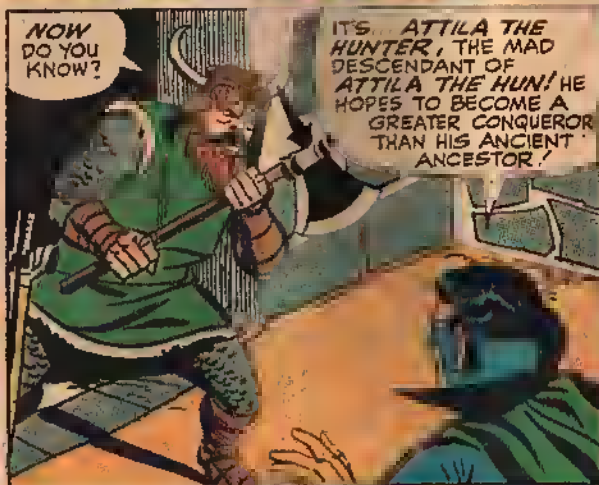
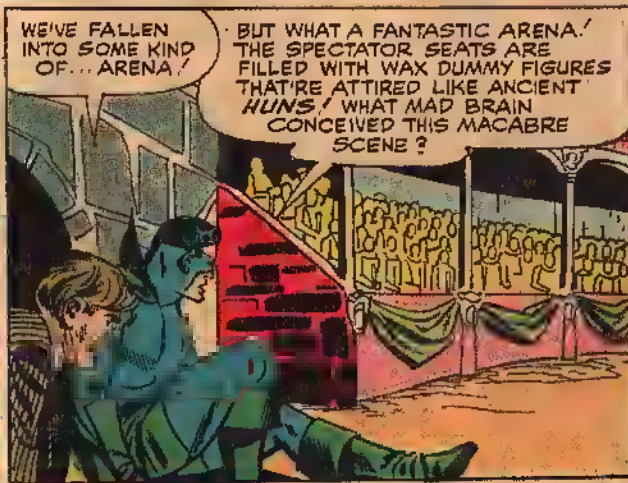
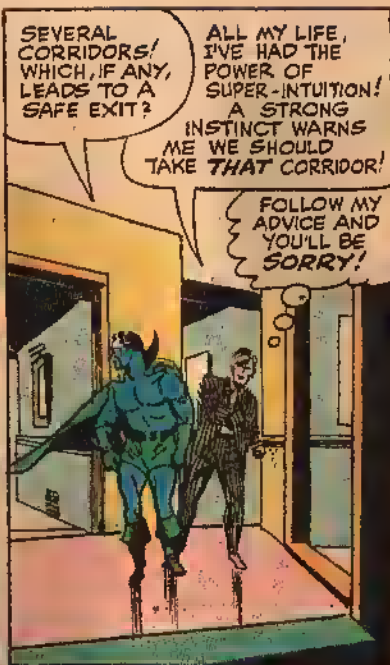


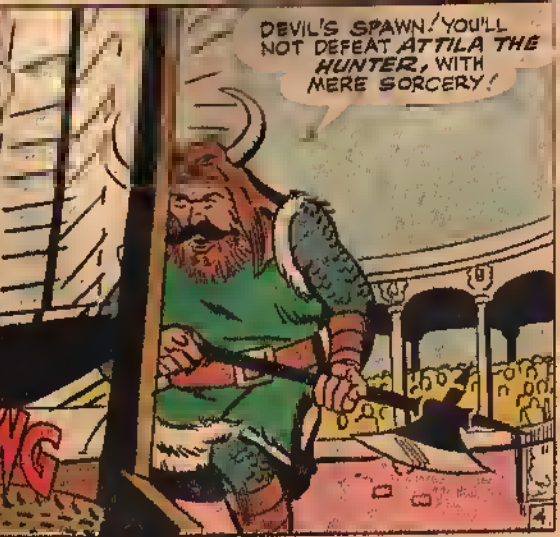
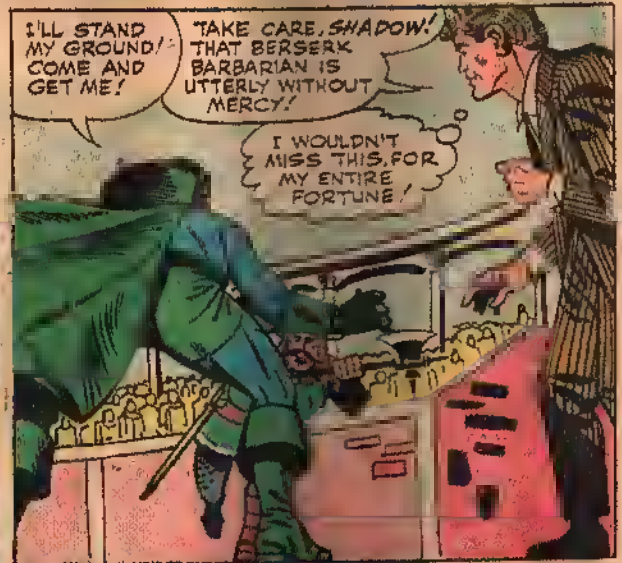
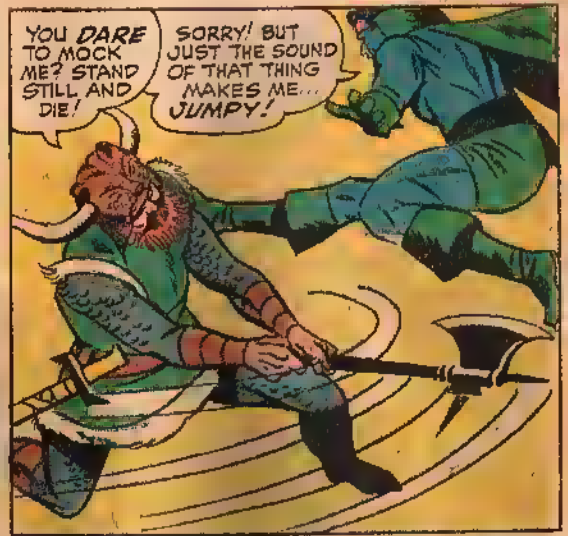
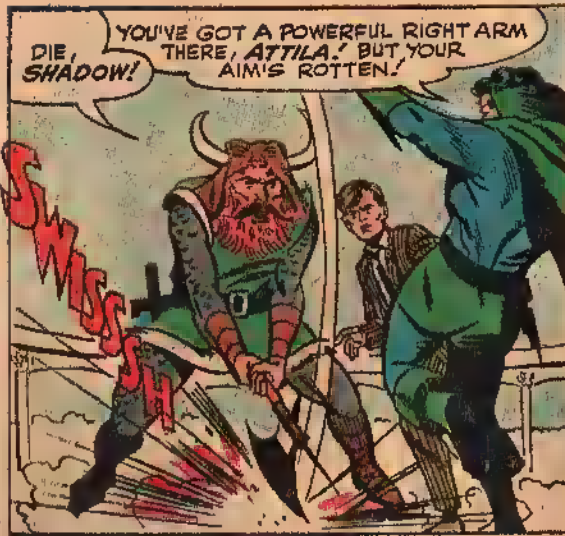
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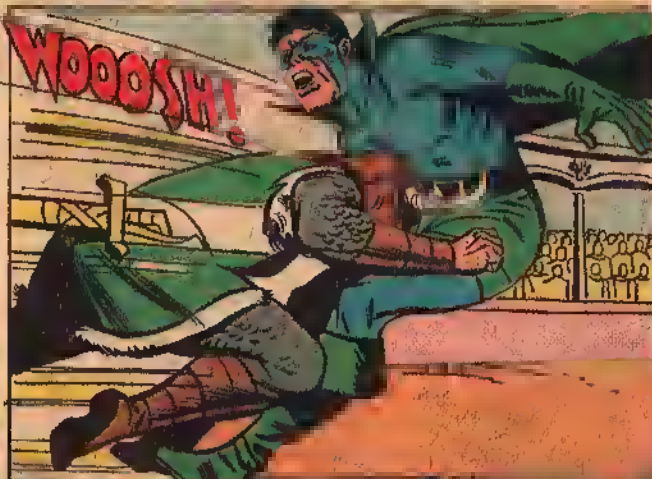
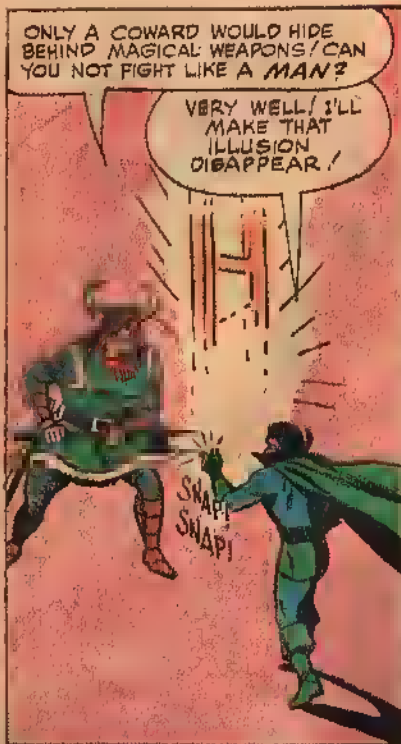
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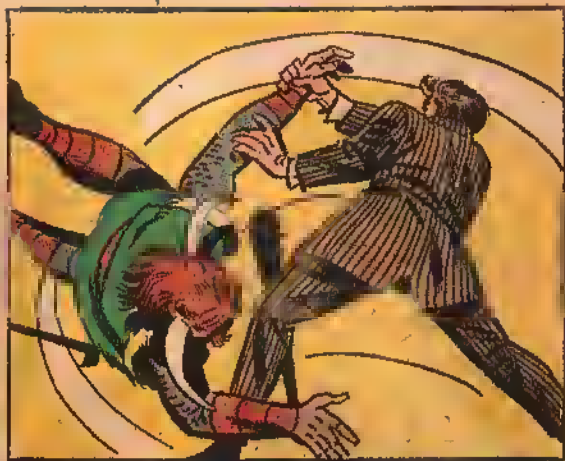
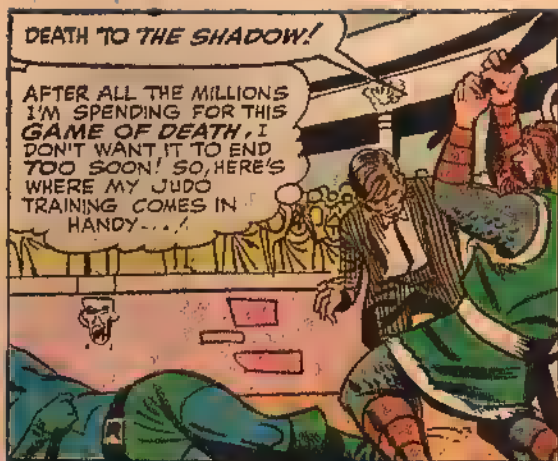




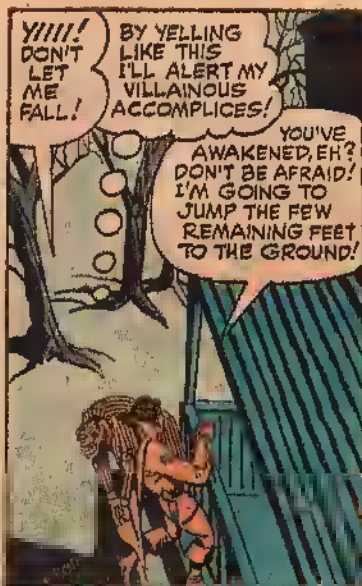








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YIIII!
DON'T
LET
ME
FALL!

BY YELLING
LIKE THIS
I'LL ALERT MY
VILLAINOUS
ACCOMPLICES!

YOU'VE
AWAKENED, EH?
DON'T BE AFRAID!
I'M GOING TO
JUMP THE FEW
REMAINING FEET
TO THE GROUND!



UH-OH! A
SPOTLIGHT!

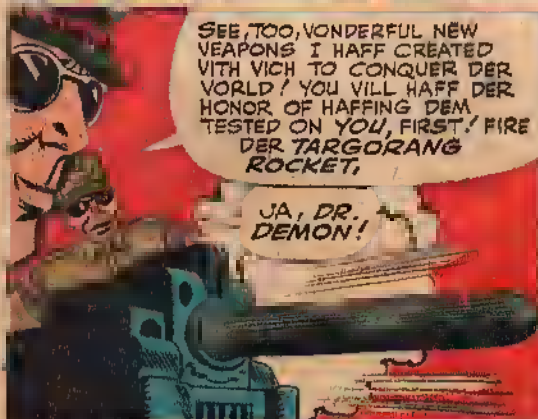
TURN THAT
BLASTED
THING
OFF!

GUT EVENING,
SHADOW. WE
MEET AGAIN!
UND DIS TIME
DER PLEASURE
VILL BE ALL
MINE!



DR. DEMON! HITLER'S
LEADING SCIENTIST...IF
HE HAD LISTENED TO YOU,
HE'D HAVE WON THE WAR!

KINDLY OBSERVE ME
UND MINE MEN ARE
WEARING PROTECTIVE
GOGGLES WHICH CAN
PROTECT US FROM
YOUR HYPNOTISM!



SEE, TOO, VONDERFUL NEW
WEAPONS I HAFF CREATED
VITH VICH TO CONQUER DER
WORLD! YOU VILL HAFF DER
HONOR OF HAFING DEM
TESTED ON YOU, FIRST! FIRE
DER **TARGORANG**
ROCKET!

JA, **DR.
DEMON**!

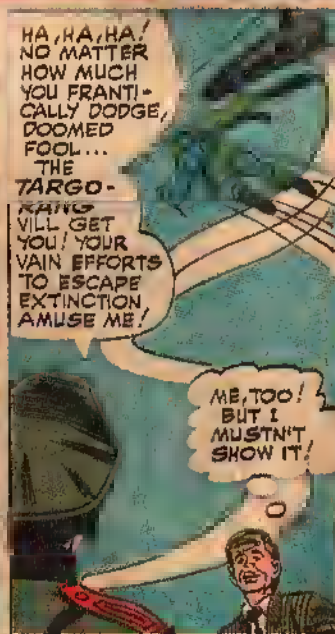


ACH, SO! SPRINGS
IN YOUR BOOTS
HAFF POPPED YOU OUT
OF **TARGORANG**'S
PATH! DOT VON'T
SAFE YOU! MINE
MARVELOUS
DEVICE VILL SEEK
YOU OUT WHEREVER
YOU DODGE...



...UNTIL IT
TRACKS YOU
DOWN AND
BLOWS YOU
UP!

I'LL SWITCH TO
MY BOOTS' AIR-
JETS, FOR BETTER
MANEUVERABILITY!



HA, HA, HA!
NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
YOU FRANTI-
CALLY DODGE,
DOOMED
FOOL...
THE
**TARGO-
RANG**
VILL GET
YOU! YOUR
VAIN EFFORTS
TO ESCAPE
EXTINCTION,
AMUSE ME!

ME, TOO!
BUT I
MUSTN'T
SHOW IT!



IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT
'EM, JOIN 'EM...NOW
THAT I'M SOLIDLY IN
THE SADDLE, THIS
HARE WILL START
CHASING THE HOUNDS!
I'LL ADJUST THE ROCKETS
CONTROLS SO IT'LL HAVE
A NEW TARGET...
DR. DEMON HIMSELF!



ACH! QUICK! DESTROY DER TARGORANG, DUMBKOPFF, BEFORE IT DESTROYS ME!

YES, HERR DOKTOR!

MY EXIT CUE!



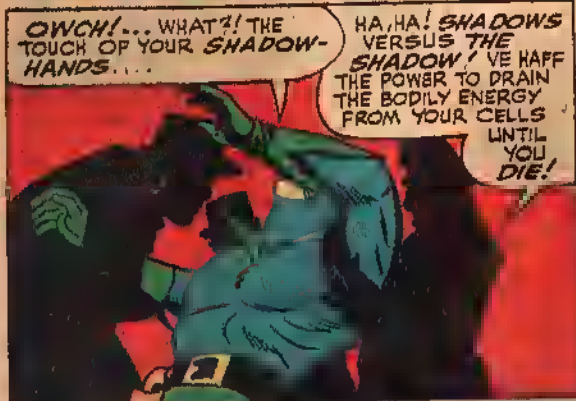
SOON, DER LAUGH VILL BE ON YOU! MINE MEN UND ME VILL NOW USE TACTIC "SH!"

HAAA-AAAAA! HAA-AAAAAA! TOO BAD YOU HAD TO BLOW UP YOUR PRECIOUS MASTERPIECE! MY CONDOLENCES!



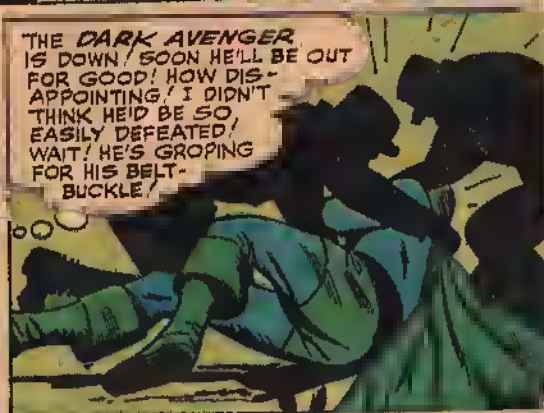
GREAT SCOTT! YOU AND YOUR HIRELINGS HAVE TURNED YOURSELVES INTO REAL SHADOW-MEN! BUT HOW'LL THAT HELP YOU AGAINST ME ??

DIS YOU VILL SOON, KNOW, HA, HA! ... AT HIM, MEN!



OWCH!... WHAT? THE TOUCH OF YOUR SHADOW-HANDS...

HA, HA! SHADOWS VERSUS THE SHADOW! VE HAFF THE POWER TO DRAIN THE BODILY ENERGY FROM YOUR CELLS UNTIL YOU DIE!



THE DARK AVENGER IS DOWN! SOON HE'LL BE OUT FOR GOOD! HOW DIS-APPOINTING! I DIDN'T THINK HE'D BE SO EASILY DEFEATED! WAIT! HE'S GROPING FOR HIS BELT-BUCKLE!

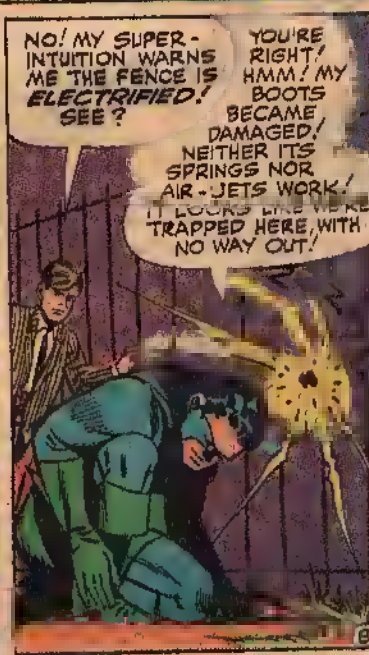


AND NOW HE'S PRESSING ONE OF THE BUTTONS ON ITS RIM... BLINDING BRILLIANCE IS EMANATING FROM HIS FORM AND DISSOLVING THE ENEMY SHADOWS!



YOU WERE SUPERB!

SAVE THE COMPLIMENTS! WE'D BETTER GET OUT THROUGH THAT FENCE, BEFORE WE FIND OURSELVES IN MORE TROUBLE!



NO! MY SUPER-INTUITION WARNS ME THE FENCE IS ELECTRIFIED! SEE?

YOU'RE RIGHT! HMM! MY BOOTS BECAME DAMAGED! NEITHER ITS SPRINGS NOR AIR-JETS WORK! IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE TRAPPED HERE, WITH NO WAY OUT!



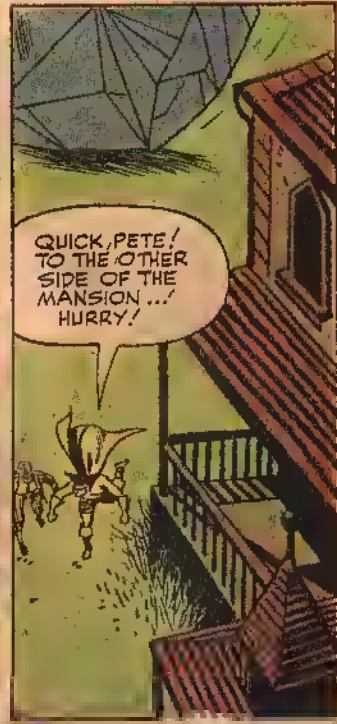
WHAT KIND
OF A THING
IS THAT?!

I AM THE
DIABOLICAL
DIMENSIONOID
FROM THE
13TH DIMENSION!
I CAN CHANGE
MY FORM AT WILL...

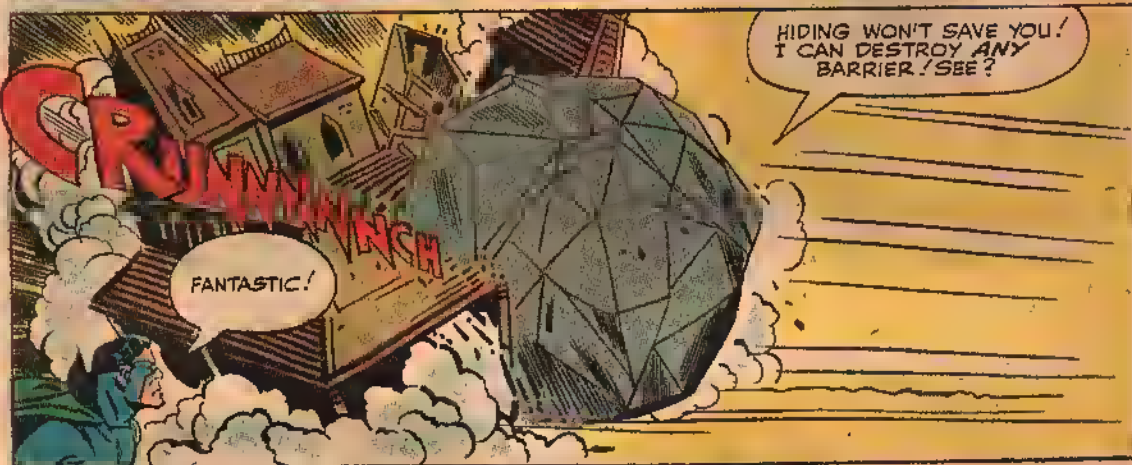


... SUCH AS INTO A GIGANTIC
DESTRUCTION-BALL SUCH AS
THIS! AFTER I DESTROY YOU,
I'LL BE ACCEPTED INTO A
CABAL OF ULTRA-VILLAINS IN
MY DIMENSION! IT'S AN
INITIATION STUNT! NOTHING
PERSONAL, YOU UNDERSTAND!

YOU JUST
WANT
TO MAKE GOOD
AT MY
EXPENSE,
HUH?

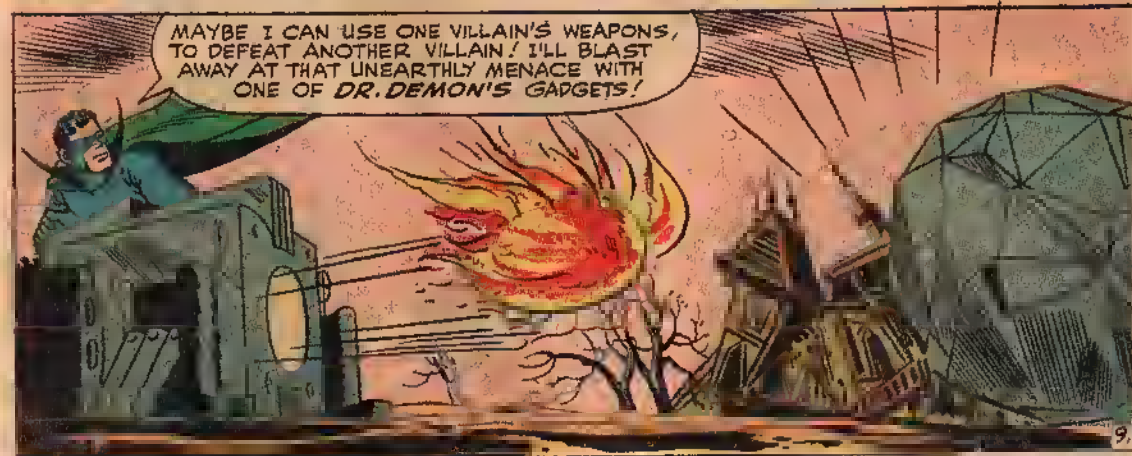


QUICK, PETE!
TO THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE
MANSION...!
HURRY!

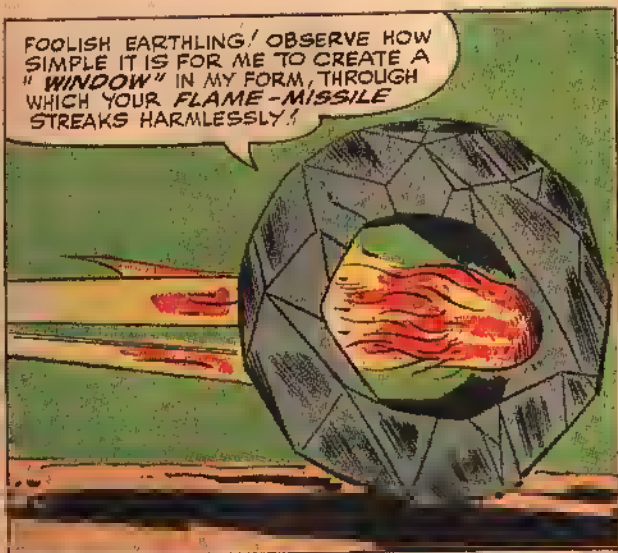


HIDING WON'T SAVE YOU!
I CAN DESTROY ANY
BARRIER! SEE?

FANTASTIC!



MAYBE I CAN USE ONE VILLAIN'S WEAPONS,
TO DEFEAT ANOTHER VILLAIN! I'LL BLAST
AWAY AT THAT UNEARTHLY MENACE WITH
ONE OF DR. DEMON'S GADGETS!



FOOLISH EARTHLING! OBSERVE HOW SIMPLE IT IS FOR ME TO CREATE A "WINDOW" IN MY FORM, THROUGH WHICH YOUR FLAME-MISSILE STREAKS HARMLESSLY!

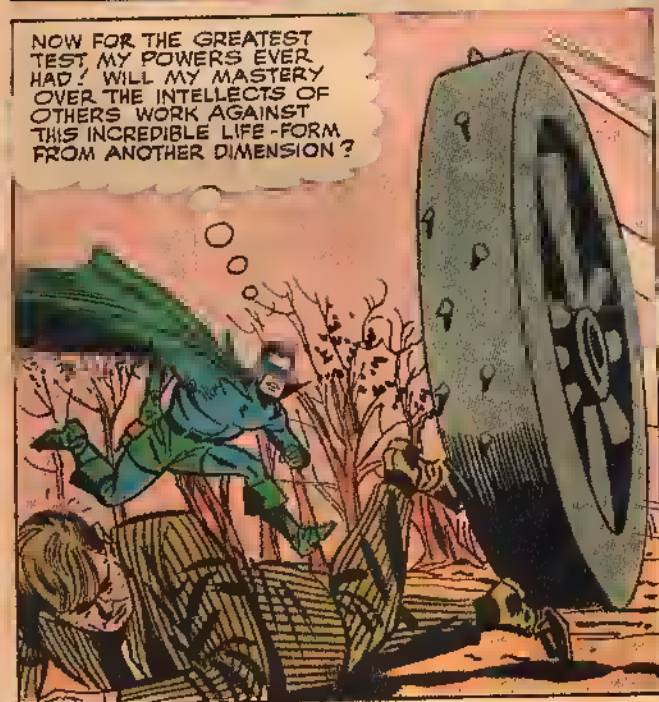


AND NOW I'M DISASSEMBLING MYSELF! WHEN I REGROUP MY COMPONENTS INTO A NEW FORM... BEWARE!



THE THING HAS NOW BECOME A GIGANTIC SPIKED WHEEL! HELP! I S-STUMBLER! IT'S GOING TO CRUSH ME!!

CAN EVEN THE SHADOW RESCUE ME FROM THIS FEARSOME MENACE? HOW EXCITING!



NOW FOR THE GREATEST TEST MY POWERS EVER HAD! WILL MY MASTERY OVER THE INTELLECTS OF OTHERS WORK AGAINST THIS INCREDIBLE LIFE-FORM FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION?



CHANGE, DIMENSIONOID! I COMMAND YOU TO ALTER YOURSELF INTO THE HYPER-GEOMETRICAL DESIGN I AM MENTALLY VISUALIZING NOW!!

THE **THING** REGROUPED ITS COMPONENTS ONCE MORE! ITS SHAPE IS NOW SO UTTERLY MULTI-DIMENSIONAL, IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!...? IT'S **VANISHING!**

A QUADRILLION CURSES ON YOU, **SHADOW!**



INCREDIBLY, YOU FATHOMED THE **ONE SHAPE** THAT WILL RETURN ME TO THE **13TH DIMENSION** FOREVER! NEVER TO RETURN! (MOAN!) NOW I WON'T BECOME A MEMBER OF "**THE FIENDS OF GARNN**"!

MY CONDOLENCES!



YOU WERE TERRIFIC! FOLLOW ME! SUDDENLY I STRONGLY FEEL MY AMAZING INTUITIVE POWERS CAN LEAD US TO AN EXIT OUT OF THIS TERRIBLE PLACE!

LEAD ON!



LOOK OUT! THAT STATUE...!

NOW WHAT??



DID I TRIP YOU? A THOUSAND APOLOGIES, **SHADOW!** I AM THE **INSIDIOUS ELASTO!** I DON'T REALLY WANT TO BE BAD...I CAN'T HELP MYSELF!



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I HAVE LIMITLESS POWERS OF ELASTICITY! IT'S A SIMPLE MATTER FOR ME TO STRETCH THE WIDTH OF MY HAND THUSLY...



...SO THAT YOUR HEAD IS COMPLETELY ENGULFED WITHIN MY GRASP! I HATE TO DO THIS, BUT IF YOUR EYES ARE COVERED YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO COMMAND ME HYPNOTICALLY, AND DEFEAT ME!



I ABHOR VIOLENCE! BEFORE I SMOTHER YOU TO DEATH WITHIN MY ENFOLDING CLUTCH, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THIS TRULY GRIEVES ME! IT'S A PITY A DESPICABLE COMPULSION MAKES ME USE THIS MARVELOUS ABILITY OF MINE FOR EVIL, AND NOT GOOD!



CAN'T...BREAK FREE! ITS GRIP IS TIGHTENING!... I C-CAN HARDLY BREATHE!

NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU, **SHADOW!** YOU ARE TRULY DOOMED! WHAT A PITY!

AFTER SEVERAL BRILLIANT TRIUMPHS, HAS THE **SHADOW** FINALLY LOST THE GAME OF DEATH???



END OF PART 2 ...

THE GAME OF DEATH · Part III

HOW UNFORTUNATE I MUST USE MY UN-LIMITED STRETCHING ABILITIES FOR EVIL PURPOSES!

ONLY ONE HOPE FOR ME!

"UNLIMITED"? THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN EMPTY BOAST!

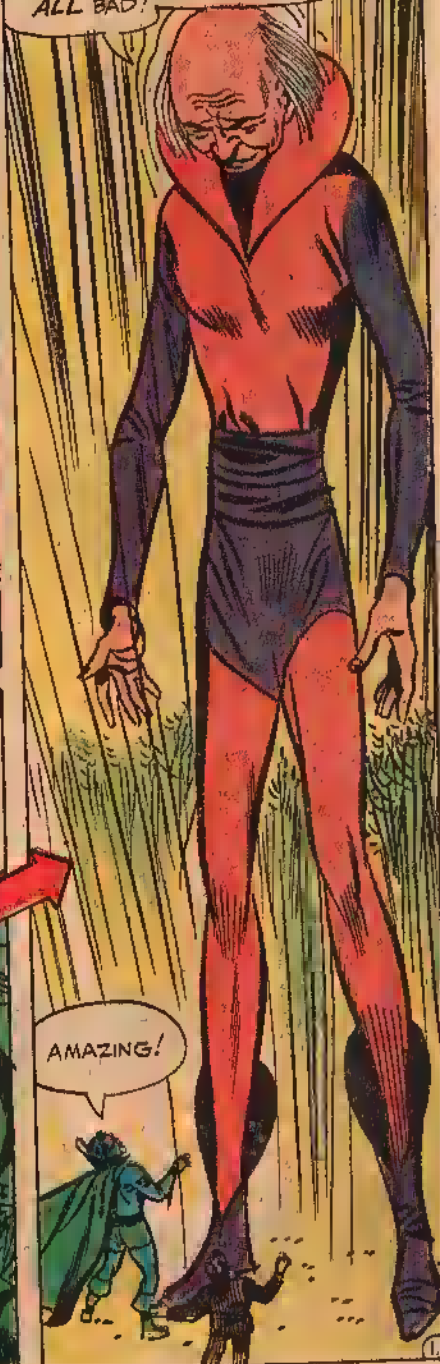


ELASTO DOES NOT LIE! THERE IS NO LIMIT TO MY SPECTACULAR STRETCH-POWER!

MALARKEY! IF YOU COULD STRETCH YOURSELF AS HIGH AS THE IONOSPHERE IN EARTH'S UPPER ATMOSPHERE, I'D ADMIT YOU'RE AS GOOD AS YOU CLAIM!

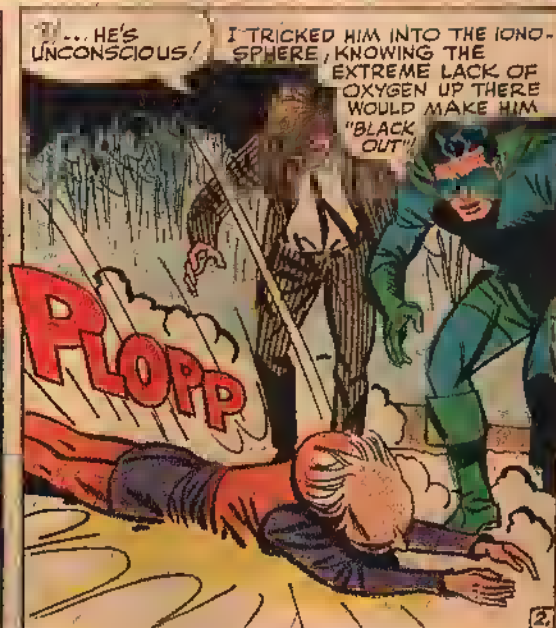
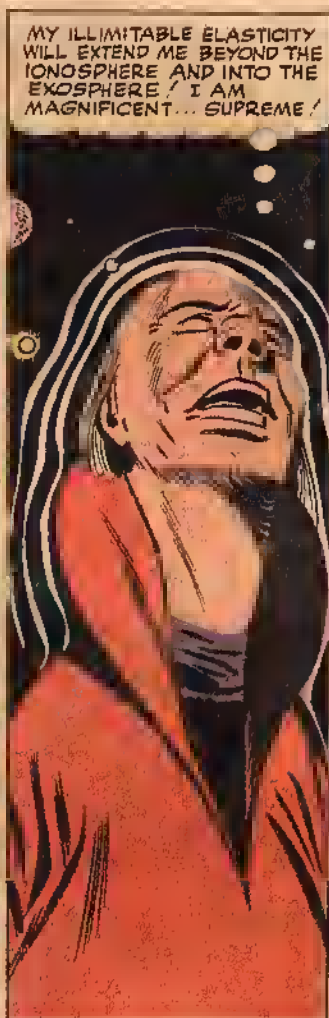


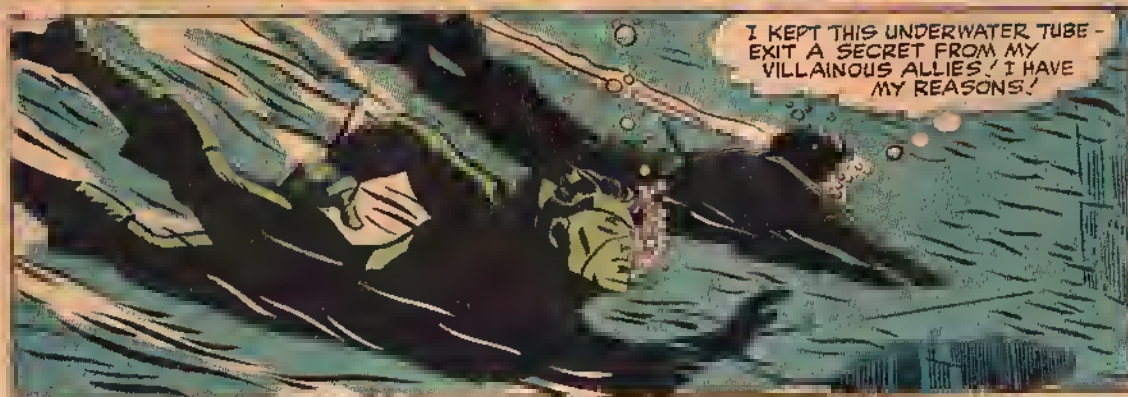
NOT THAT THE OPINION OF ONE WHO IS ABOUT TO DIE MATTERS, BUT I'LL PROVE I CAN ACCOMPLISH EXACTLY THAT! I SHALL INDULGE A DOOMED MAN'S DYING REQUEST, BECAUSE I'M NOT ALL BAD!

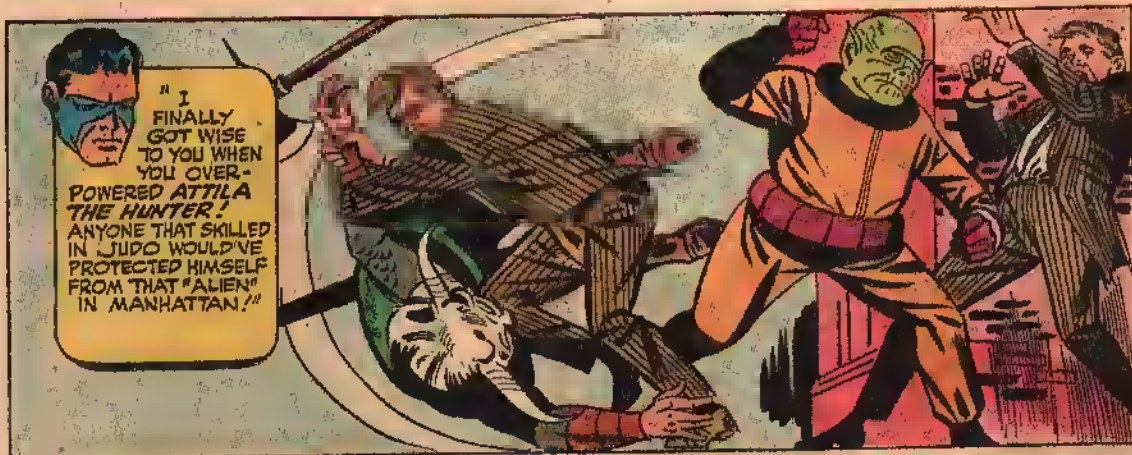


AMAZING!









"I FINALLY GOT WISE TO YOU WHEN YOU OVER-POWERED ATTLA THE HUNTER! ANYONE THAT SKILLED IN JUDO WOULD'VE PROTECTED HIMSELF FROM THAT "ALIEN" IN MANHATTAN!"

YOU MUST'VE TRIPPED ME DELIBERATELY SO WE'D FALL INTO THE ARENA! YOU PROBABLY ONLY PRETENDED TO FAINT, AND YELLED UPON "REVIVING" TO ALERT THE VILLAINS TO OUR WHERE-ABOUTS!

NO USE FAKING ANY MORE!



IT'S TRUE! ALSO, I KNEW THE FENCE WAS ELECTRIFIED AND ABOUT THE SECRET EXIT, BECAUSE I HAD THEM CONSTRUCTED! I OFFERED YOUR FOES \$1,000,000 APIECE TO ATTEMPT TO DESTROY US!

WHY?



BOREDOM! I FIND LIFE TERRIBLY DULL! THE THOUGHT OF THE SHADOW BATTLING TO SAVE BOTH OF US FROM THOSE MASTER VILLAINS, INTRIGUED ME! I WAS CONFIDENT YOU COULD DEFEAT THEM, ANYWAY!



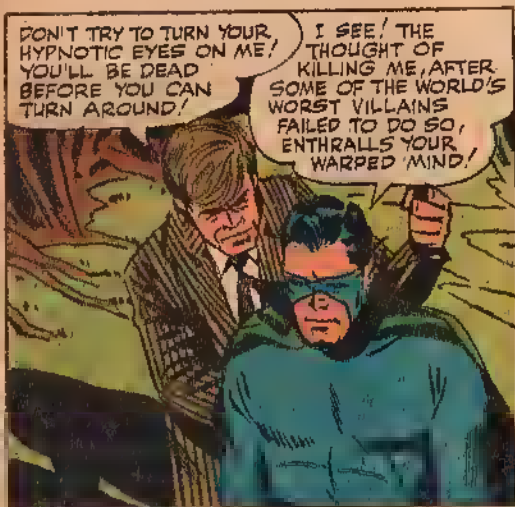
YOU'RE SICKENING! YOU'D BETTER SEE A PSYCHIATRIST!

WAIT! I DIDN'T ALLOW YOU TO ESCAPE FROM THAT ESTATE OF TERROR BECAUSE OF ANY MERCIFUL CONSCIENCE TWINGES!



I HAD A DARKER MOTIVE! ONE GUESS!





DON'T TRY TO TURN YOUR HYPNOTIC EYES ON ME! YOU'LL BE DEAD BEFORE YOU CAN TURN AROUND!

I SEE! THE THOUGHT OF KILLING ME, AFTER SOME OF THE WORLD'S WORST VILLAINS FAILED TO DO SO, ENTHRALLS YOUR WARPED MIND!



CORRECT!

HAAAAA-HA-
AA



ARE YOU CRAZY? HOW CAN YOU LAUGH WHEN I'M GOING TO KILL YOU?

BECAUSE I HAVE GENUINE EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION ABILITIES... SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THOSE YOU PRETENDED TO POSSES!

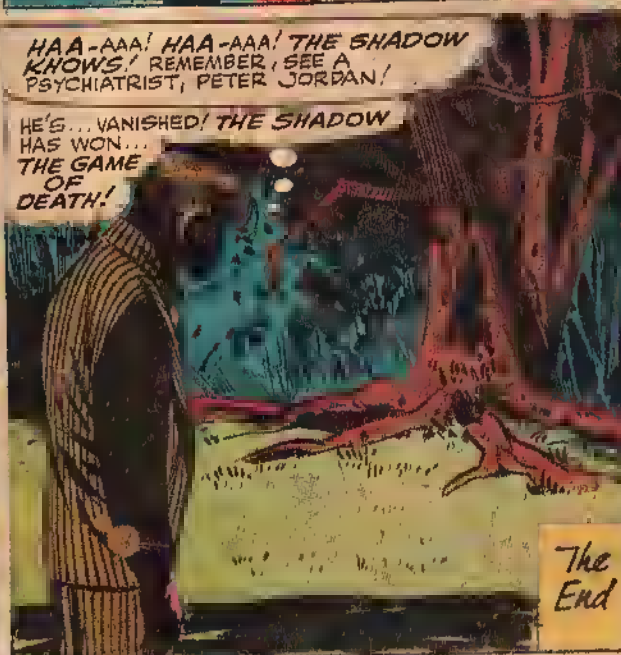


I KNOW THAT DESPITE WHAT YOU THINK, YOU ARE INCAPABLE OF KILLING ANYONE BY YOURSELF! I AM GOING TO WALK INTO SOME SHADOWS, AND DISAPPEAR FROM YOUR VIEW! IF YOU THINK I'M LYING ABOUT YOU, TRY TO SHOOT! TRY!

I'LL KILL YOU!
I'LL KILL YOU!!



(CHOKES) I... CAN'T! HOW COULD YOU HAVE KNOWN, WHEN EVEN I DIDN'T?



HAA-AAA! HAA-AAA! THE SHADOW KNOWS! REMEMBER, SEE A PSYCHIATRIST, PETER JORDAN!

HE'S... VANISHED! THE SHADOW HAS WON... THE GAME OF DEATH!

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